

FORT HILL NEAR ELLICOTT'S MILLS, Dec. 26, 1832.

DEAR SIR:—I have received your circular of the 7th instant. I am sensible of the necessity and great importance of having the Militia well organized, and am therefore, anxious to have the appointments well filled, but before I make any recommendations, I wish to have an opportunity to consult the Field Officers of my Brigade, who have reported, and will endeavor to prevail upon them to meet me at Annapolis next week, say about Wednesday or Thursday next. Will you do me the favor, to ask Mr. Watkins, Brigade Inspector, to write to Colonel Kent, and to Col. Billingsley to attend. If the latter wishes to continue in commission, I would take pleasure in recommending him for a new appointment, as I understand he is an excellent officer. I will give Col. Hood notice. I will also thank you sir, (as the object of this letter is for that purpose,) to request the favor of the executive not to fill up the vacancies in the 8th Brigade, until I have an opportunity to make out a list of such "characters as will be calculated to make useful officers." It is an important crisis and every man should do his duty.

Yours with great respect,

CHARLES STERETT RIDGELY.

To Col. RICH'D. HARWOOD, of Thos.

LISBON, 1832.

DEAR SIR:—The present has the appearance of being a crisis that makes it necessary, the state should know its strength—therefore I enclose the situation of the company under my command.

I am dear sir, your obdt. serv't.

JOHN W. RING ROSE.

Neglected to report, but, I presume, a serviceable officer: perhaps better known to your Excellency.

R. H. of Thos.

Return received.

ELK-RIDGE, October 1st, 1832.

SIR:

I do report myself as a Captain of the 3d Cavalry District of Maryland.

UPTON D. WELCH,
Anne Arundel County.

To RICH'D. HARWOOD, Adj. Genl.
(Received 12th Dec.)